

## **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

An aircraft equipped with peripherally configured directional thrust capability has an onboard primary power source producing compressed air, and at least two thrust  
5 producing modules. Each thrust producing module has a fuel source and receives compressed air from the primary power source. Each module is attached to a respective rotatable support structure for independently varying the thrust angle of the thrust producing module with respect to the aircraft, all thrust producing modules being connected to a common controller for coordinated control of the aircraft.

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